SUBJECT No. 139.

Improvement of agriculture by introducing labour-saving machinery.

Messrs. Ananthiah, Shimoga Taluk, A. Shamanna, Shimoga Municipality, and C. Subba Rao, Shimoga District Board.

Mr. Ananthiah.—Each District may be given a motor plough for demonstration purposes. If this is done, the scheme of Large Landed Estates will prove a success and agriculture will improve in the State.

Second Member of Council.—Government have taken two Tractors—one is working in the Babbur farm and the other at Hebbal. These require a large expenditure to work and unless we know more about them, we cannot definitely say that they are useful. Dr. Coleman himeself is of opinion that the tractor ploughs are not as economical as they are represented to be. The matter is, however, in an experimental stage.

SUBJECT No. 140.

Agricultural Banks.

Mr. Venkata Sanjivaiya, Closepet Municipality.

Many agricultural banks have been wound up. Recoveries of Government dues have been made but the reserve fund is still in the hands of some members of the Banks. This reserve was formed out of the collections from the members and it is but right that this amount should be distributed among them. But as the distribution is difficult, Government may take steps to recover the reserve fund from the members, keep it and utilize it for the public good or for charitable purposes.

Second Member of Council.—The matter will be enquired into.

DEVELOPMENT.—MORAL AND MATERIAL.

(CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES.)

(*No. 141.*)

SUBJECT No. 141.

Additional powers to the Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Messrs. P. Muthiah and Dase Gouda, Channapatna Taluk.

Mr. P. Muthiah.—Outstandings in the Co-operative Societies are increasing and the Revenue authorities are not able to recover them promptly. It would be better if the Registrar is invested with power to recover them. At present, the records are sent to the Deputy Commissioner who forwards them to the Amildar for needful action. There is considerable delay in this procedure. If, on the other hand, the Assistant Registrar can forward the records direct to the Amildar, this delay could be obviated.

Mr. Shamiengar.—The present procedure whereby the records are sent to the Deputy Commissioner in the first instance is all right. The Assistant Registrar has no authority over the Amildar and his sending records direct to the Amildar will not be helpful. But it is necessary to see that the recoveries are not delayed on any account.

Second Member of Council.—The Registrar had no proper establishment and now that Assistant Registrars have been appointed, I think recoveries are now

more promptly made. The matter is however noted for consideration.

TECHNICAL.—(PUBLIC WORKS).

(Nos. 142 to 146).

SUBJECT NO. 142.

Creation of Irrigation facilities.

Mr. Herur Gundappa, Kunigal Taluk.

Reports sent by the Special Committee regarding irrigation facilities may be disposed of early. The improvement of irrigation works in the State is not satisfactory and more vigorous action is necessary in this direction.

Second Member of Council.—The Committee's report has been received and the Chief Engineer has sent up his recommendations to Government. As the recommendations involve an increase of establishment, this question is being considered in connection with the re-organisation of the Public Works Department. Big schemes require some time for their final disposal, whereas small ones can be disposed of by the Public Works Department. The Chief Engineer has promised to see that small schemes are not unnecessarily delayed.

SUBJECT NO. 143.

Appointment of a Committee to consider the question of increasing the capacity of tanks.

Messrs. Seenappa and G. Ramappa, Kolar District Board.

Mr. Seenappa and Mr. G. Ramappa.—A mixed Committee of officials and non-officials may be appointed to enquire into and report as to how tanks could be saved from silting up year after year and how the capacity of the tanks could be increased to prevent complaints of the raiyats.

Second Member of Council.—There does not seem to be much good in appointing such committees. The matter is noted for consideration.

SUBJECT NO. 144.

Raising the waste weirs of major tanks.

Mr. Kempa Setty, Devanhalli Municipality.

The waste weirs of major tanks in the State may be raised to afford the storage of more water.

Second Member of Council.—The Engineering Department is examining the whole question. It is not possible to raise waste weirs of all tanks at once. If there is any particular tank that requires attention, the Chief Engineer may be addressed.

Mr. Krishnamurthiachar.—We have even promised to contribute something towards the supply of water, and though we have waited for over four years, it has all been in vain.

Second Member of Council.—If it is proved that water was not given, you may report to the Deputy Commissioner who will forward a recommendation to the Chief Engineer for the supply of water. If complaints about tanks are preferred to Deputy Commissioners, they will include them in the programme of